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(PIGS BAY)

NEW YORK -- FORMER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SAID LAST NIGHT HIS ADMINISTRATION HAD PLANNED FOR A "GUERRILLA TYPE OF ACTION" AGAINST FIDEL CASTRO AND NEVER CONSIDERED AN INVASION SUCH AS THE BAY OF PIGS ATTACK.

EISENHOWER'S STATEMENT IMPLIED THE ENTIRE PLAN FOR THE ILL-FATED APRIL, 1961, INVASION OF CUBA WAS FORMULATED IN THE THREE MONTHS AFTER PRESIDENT KENNEDY TOOK OFFICE.

THE FORMER PRESIDENT'S REMARKS, IN A TAPED ONE-HOUR INTERVIEW WITH NEWSMAN HENRY CRONKITE ON CBS-TELEVISION, APPEARED TO CONFLICT WITH A STATEMENT ON THE BAY OF PIGS AFFAIR MADE EARLIER THIS WEEK BY ATTY. GEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

ASKED BY CRONKITE IF AN INVASION PLAN WAS MADE WHILE HE WAS IN OFFICE, EISENHOWER REPLIED:

"NO, NO..."

"THERE WAS NO WAY," HE DECLARED. "WE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW AT THAT TIME WHETHER WE COULD DO ANYTHING MORE, OR WHETHER THESE REFUGEES WOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY NUMEROUS AND STRONG TO DO MORE THAN GO INTO THE ...EASTERN PART OF THE ISLAND, IN THE MOUNTAINS, AND START IN AND RETURN A COUNTER REVOLUTION..."

"WE MORE OR LESS WERE THINKING OF GUERRILLA TYPE OF ACTION UNTIL WE COULD GET ENOUGH FORCES TO DO MORE THAN THAT," HE SAID.

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